

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

Mr. Frye, of Maine, Concluded His Speech in the Senate on the Measure.

PERMISSION TO ACCEPT DECORATIONS.

Resolution Calling for Information as to the Postal Frauds in Cuba Referred to Committee.

The House Devotes the Day to the Army Reorganization Bill, Which Was Brought Up Under a Special Order.

Washington, Dec. 6.—When the session of the senate opened Wednesday the credentials of Samuel D. McEnery and Murphy J. Foster, as senators from Louisiana, and George P. Wetmore, from Rhode Island, were received. Bills were passed permitting Capt. B. H. McCalla and Commander W. C. Wise, of the United States navy, to accept decorations from the emperor of Germany.

The resolution introduced Tuesday by Mr. Pettigrew, calling for information as to the postal frauds in Cuba, was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba.

Executive Session.
The senate at 12:35, on motion of Mr. Lodge, went into executive session, remaining behind closed doors until 2 o'clock.

The house bill for the celebration of the establishment of the seat of national government in the city of Washington was passed without discussion.

Consideration of the ship subsidy bill was then resumed. Mr. Frye, of Maine, concluding his speech began Tuesday, said the amount of subsidy should be no more than \$500,000 per year. That limit, he said, was fixed definitely in the bill.

On motion of Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, the senate at 3:45 p. m. held a brief executive session and then adjourned.

DOINGS IN THE HOUSE.

A Bill Introduced Providing for a Government Ship to Bring Troops to the United States.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The house devoted the day to the army reorganization bill, which was brought up under a special order. At the opening of the session, which limited general debate to two hours on a side, Lieut. Gen. Miles and a number of army officers were interested spectators throughout the day.

Chairman Hull and Mr. Parker, of New Jersey, of the military committee, republicans, supported the bill, and Messrs. Cochran, of Missouri; Kilgore, of Texas; McCalla, of New York; Shafer, of Colorado; Cummings, of New York, and Cox, of Tennessee, democrats, spoke briefly against it.

Bills and Resolutions Introduced.

House bills and resolutions introduced Wednesday: By Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, to prohibit the sale of firearms, opium and intoxicants to aboriginal tribes and native races in the Pacific Islands; by Mr. Wilson, of Arizona, to establish a supreme court for the territories of Arizona, New Mexico and New Spain; by Mr. Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, providing for a government ship to bring troops to the United States to take advantage of the homestead laws.

THE WAR REVENUE.

A Bill Introduced Proposing a Reduction in the Tax on Cigarettes to \$100 Million Dollars.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, introduced the bill reducing the taxation under the new revenue act, after the republican members of the committee had agreed on the form of the measure and the articles to receive the reduction of tax. It is intended to have the full committee act on the bill Thursday and to put it through the house before Christmas. The bill provides for aggregating reduction estimated at \$100,000,348.

The estimated reductions in detail as given out by Mr. Payne are as follows:

The Reductions in Detail.
Beer, \$9,832,713; cigars, \$1,389,764; special taxes (section 5), commercial brokers, \$128,881; custom house brokers, \$8,167; excises, \$1,744; others, \$47,178; exhibitions not otherwise provided for, \$84,218; total special tax, \$287,580.

Schedule A—Bank checks, \$7,000,000; certificates of deposit, \$2,000,000; drafts, inland, \$500,000; promissory notes, \$3,000,000; postal orders, \$600,000; foreign bills of exchange, \$100,000; export bills of lading, \$100,000; express receipts, \$1,200,000; telegraph messages, \$315,000; bonds of indemnity, \$200,000; certificates other than of profits, \$900,000; charter party, \$100,000; brokers' receipts, \$100,000; conveyances, \$300,000; telegraph dispatches, \$800,000; insurance, \$3,000,000; leases, \$200,000; mortgages, \$500,000; passage tickets, \$500,000; power

of attorney, etc., \$100,000; protests, \$25,000; warehouse receipts, \$350,000; total schedule A, \$22,245,000.

STRIKEN OUT.

The Taxes on Brokers, Clericals, Theaters and Other Exhibitions Are Omitted.

Schedule B—Total, \$4,348,263; less wines (400,000), \$3,948,263; legacies charitable, etc., \$500,000; grand total, \$4,000,038.

The bill provides a discount of 20 per cent. in the tax of \$2 per barrel on beer in lieu of the present 7 1/2 per cent. reduction, making the new rate \$1.60 per barrel.

The section of the law revenue act taxing commercial brokers, custom house brokers, clericals, theaters, and other exhibitions are stricken out.

The rate on cigars is made \$3.00 instead of \$2.50 per 1,000, weighing more than three pounds per thousand.

Schedule A.

Schedule A—The stamp tax on corporate stock, bonds, etc., sales, etc., at exchanges or boards of trade, freight receipts, certificates of profits, entry of goods at custom houses, and other documents of goods from customs bonded warehouses. With these exceptions, the stamp taxes under schedule A are stricken out. Chairman Payne's statement gives in detail the stamp taxes omitted under schedule A.

Schedule II, which required stamps on proprietary medicines and preparations, and on chewing gum, etc., is amended so that sparkling or other wines are the only products requiring stamps.

TAXES ON LEGACIES.

This Section of the War Revenue Act and the One on "Mixed Flour" Are Amended.

Section 20 of the law revenue act, relating to taxes on legacies, is amended by adding at the end of said section the following: "Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to legacies or legacies of real or personal property, religious, literary, charitable or educational character, including works of art."

Section 30 of the act is amended so to administrative features, and sections 10, 11, 12 and 19 are repealed, as they relate to administrative features no longer necessary.

Section 35.

"Section 35. That for the purpose of this act, the words 'mixed flour' shall be taken and construed to mean the good producing results from the grinding or mixing together of wheat, or wheat flour, as the principal constituent, with any other grain, or the product of any other grain, or other material, except such material, not the product of any grain, as is commonly used for baking purposes: Provided, that when the principal constituent is wheat, the grinding or mixing together of wheat or wheat flour with any other grain, or the product of any other grain, of which wheat or wheat flour is the principal constituent, is specified in the foregoing definition, it is intended for sale or is sold or offered for sale as wheat flour, such product shall be held to be mixed flour within the meaning of this act."

Stamps Issued and Not Used.

The bill provides for redeeming revenue stamps heretofore issued and not used. The concluding section provides that the act shall take effect 30 days after it is passed.

Chairman Payne called a meeting of the ways and means committee for Thursday morning, when he expected to have him reported to the house. He will then seek to have the bill considered after the army, oceanographic and legislative bills are disposed of, with a view to securing action before the holidays.

A TWO HOURS' FIGHT.

An American Force Attacked 300 Rebels—Latter Retreated After Having 10 Men Killed.

Manila, Dec. 6.—A desperate hand-to-hand fight between Gen. Fungson giving an account of a two hours' fight in the woods of Santo Domingo between an American force and 300 rebels in command of Sanchez. The American force, consisting of 30 native scouts, commanded by Lieut. Jernigan, attacked the rebels, who retreated, leaving on the field 10 men killed, including the rebel leader, Aguilar, and an American Negro. It was at first thought the latter was a man named Fungson, a deserter from the 24th Infantry, but this was also a mistake. Not one of Jernigan's men was wounded.

Lieut. Hobson's Condition.
New York, Dec. 6.—There was no change in Lieut. Hobson's condition Wednesday night. He is very ill. Hundreds of letters and telegrams arrived for him, but none is sent to his room, the physician forbidding it. There are also many callers, but no one is allowed to see him.

Two Years For Two Pies.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 6.—In Elizabeth City, James Johnson was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for stealing two pies. Monroe Lewis, from whom he stole them, is under sentence of death for murder.

TOSSED BY STORM

A Severe Gale Swept Over the Coast of New England, Doing Much Damage.

FIVE FISHERMEN WERE DROWNED.

Six Coasting Schooners Wrecked, Nine Vessels Sunk, Eight Schooners Ashore and Eleven Injured.

The Usual Amount of Havoc Played on Land, Buildings Being Hit Down and Telegraph Lines Prostrated.

Boston, Dec. 6.—Another southern storm has swept over New England and gone the way of all such disturbances, striking off to sea northward and like hundreds of its energetic predecessors, left death and destruction in its wake. Tuesday's gale was Wednesday night through the coasts of Nova Scotia and New Foundland, preparatory to making a stirring descent upon the European steamer's track so that its destructive history is not yet fully complete. Just what it accomplished in this line in New England and particularly along the coast north of Boston can be summed up as follows:

Many Vessels Damaged.
Five Gloucester fishermen drowned; five coasting schooners completely wrecked; nine vessels sunk; eight schooners ashore and 11 others more or less injured through collision and loss of gear.

The usual amount of damage occurred on land, buildings being hit down, telegraph wires prostrated and some damage on railroads in the northern portion through heavy snows.

While the storm was very severe along the entire New England coast, shipping north of this point seemed to be somewhat less than that of the south shore and Cape Cod, in fact, no wrecks occurred on the latter's dreaded sands.

Had Trap For Craft.

Salem harbor proved a bad trap for seven or eight sailing craft, while on the rugged Maine shore were dashed half a dozen other coasters.

The fatality of the Mary A. Brown occurred near Hampton beach, not far from the place where the wreck of the St. John schooner Advance came ashore without her crew; but not a ton touched shore to tell of the vain struggle against the ruthless elements.

A WIND STORM.

Considerable Damage Was Done at Coney Island by a Strong Northeaster.

New York, Dec. 6.—The northeaster wind storm caused considerable damage at Coney Island Wednesday. The tide was the highest in years past, and the meadows were flooded. The high water of the land was not far from the shore and the old shell road was four feet under water, and a man who attempted to reach his house by means of a horse and carriage near drowning his horse. The ocean side of the land received a terrible pounding from the waves, which washed over the concrete between the Brighton Beach property and West Brighton. Much damage was done to several small pavilions along the shore, and the old iron pier was slightly damaged.

OVER A CARTOON.

Fatal Quarrel Between Rev. John Wohl and Attorney S. D. Stokes at Williamson, W. Va.

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Rev. John Wohl, a Presbyterian minister, and Attorney S. D. Stokes, quarreled on Wednesday as a result of a cartoon illustrating the evil effects of the dance used by the minister in a sensational sermon preached last Sunday. Wednesday afternoon they met on the streets and a quarrel ensued. Calling Stokes a liar, Wohl advanced upon him with a drawn revolver. A shot was fired, seriously wounding Stokes, who was at first drawn back and fired on Wohl, killing him instantly. Stokes was rendered.

Lord Roberts at Durban.

Durban, Dec. 6.—Lord Roberts, who has arrived here, was accorded a tumultuous reception. Members of the Irish association dragged his carriage to the town hall. The streets were profusely decorated and crowds to suffocation. Numerous addresses were presented to the field marshal.

Wayland and Robbed.

Shenandoah, Pa., Dec. 6.—Joseph Lookosky, of Cleveland, O., was waylaid and robbed of \$50 in cash and a gold watch on one of the principal streets of this city early Wednesday morning. He came here in search of a brother, and was trying to locate his brother's home when attacked.

No More Infantry For South Africa.

London, Dec. 6.—According to the Daily Sketch no more infantry drafts will be sent to South Africa. The only troops to go to the front will be mounted men.

IN A MEXICAN MINE.

Five Cases of Dynamite Exploded, Resulting in the Death and Wounding of Many Miners.

Mexico City, Dec. 6.—An explosion of dynamite at the mines of San Andres de la Sierra killed or wounded many miners. At the latest advice 23 bodies have been recovered. Fifteen injured persons, some of whom will die, were taken from the wreckage, and the ruins are thought to contain other victims.

It is not known as yet how the explosion occurred, but nine cases of dynamite blew off at the powder house with an appalling roar, shaking the country for many miles around. When the panic had partially subsided the wives and children of the miners hurried to the scene, finding all the buildings wrecked and dead bodies, fearfully mangled, lying about.

SENATOR TOWNE.

He Has Been Tendered and Accepts the Senatorship, to Succeed the Late Cassin M. Davis.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 6.—Charles A. Towne Wednesday night confirmed the report that Gov. Lind had tendered him the United States senatorship of Minnesota. Senator G. K. Davis, and said that he had decided to accept the appointment. He has telegraphed the governor to that effect. Mr. Towne refused to discuss the matter further, but said that he would leave for Washington via St. Paul Thursday morning.

There is great satisfaction in Duluth and elsewhere in Minnesota at the prospect of party lines, the feeling is general that Mr. Towne is the most prominent member of Gov. Lind's party in the state, and that under the circumstances the honor of going to the senate should be his.

ENVOYS' DEMANDS.

Those Chinese Primarily Responsible for the Boxer Outrages Should Be Punished.

Peking, Dec. 6.—At the recent meeting of the foreign envoys, when it was agreed to make a measure of the former demands upon the subject of the punishment of the Chinese responsible for the outrages against foreigners, a demand was made that those primarily responsible should be punished. This was acceptable to the representatives of the powers, and it was also agreed that those officials who were held responsible for the outrages could not hold office again if it is proved that they did not take the necessary steps to prevent the attacks upon foreigners.

Denies the Report.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 6.—Miss Irene Woodward, of Evanston, Ill., who was a guest in the family of Minister Conger in Peking during the siege of the legation by the Boxers, is here denying her age mother, and emphatically denies the report of her engagement to Lieut. Frederick H. Bunker, of the United States army, a grandson of Prince Bismarck.

Ambassador to Italy.

Washington, Dec. 6.—It was quite generally expected that the nomination of George Van L. Moyer, of Massachusetts, to be ambassador to Italy would be sent to the senate Wednesday, but for some reason it did not go in, though it is still expected to receive the nomination very soon.

The Demands Yielded To.

Peking, Dec. 6.—A dispatch received here from Tientsin says the demands of Baron de Meuningen, the German minister to Morocco, for the payment of the three principal claims in the indemnity for the capture and imprisonment of the offenders have yielded to the suit.

Killed By Football.

New York, Dec. 6.—A table compiled here shows that during the past four seasons 11 deaths, 62 serious injuries and 120 minor injuries have resulted on the gridiron in this country. The number is in excess of last season.

Condition of the Treasury.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Wednesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available balance, \$137,699,430; gold, \$25,247,475; silver, \$112,451,955.

Section 32 of the Porto Rican Act.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 6.—The principal merchants at Ponce have asked the executive council to petition the United States congress to repeal section 32 of the Porto Rican act. This relates to creation of municipalities.

Blue Jackets Missing.

London, Dec. 6.—The gale continues to sweep the channel. A boat with several blue jackets from a torpedo boat destroyer in Dover harbor is missing, and the authorities fear it has been capsized.

To Repeat the Fifteenth Amendment.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Richard D. Webb, of New York, introduced in the house a resolution for a constitutional amendment to repeal the fifteenth amendment to the constitution.

"BLUE-EYED" HARRY.

He Reunited the Stand and Told His Tale of Love in the Peter Sells Divorce Case.

Columbus, O., Dec. 6.—Correspondent Harry Lyons resumed the stand Wednesday morning in the Sells divorce case. He denied giving Mrs. Sells a perfume bottle with a silver case, or any other presents, but said he gave Florence Sells a bottle when she was a graduate from the Sells Christmas presents from Peter Sells, Mrs. Sells and Florence, but none from Mrs. Sells clandestinely.

"What induced you, Mr. Lyons, to write the letters you did to Mrs. Sells while she was in Australia? What was the state of your mind?" asked Huling.

"I was infatuated with the woman and could not help myself. I was in such a state of mind that I was not responsible for what I did. But by the time the Sells returned from Australia I had cooled down and ceased to make an exhibition of myself. From that time on I more regarded Mrs. Sells as I would a sister than as a woman further."

In the Throes of Love's Fever.

Correspondence with Mrs. Sells was begun by Lyons writing the first letter. Lyons made arrangements for correspondence with the Sells at the national auction in San Francisco before Mrs. Sells sailed for Australia. Mrs. Sells suggested that she be addressed as Norma Sells. He said he was not exactly in his right mind when he kissed Mrs. Sells good-bye at the Oakland mole; he was in the "throes of love's fever." He said he had this fever for the first time when he was sixteen for a few months. It was unable to explain how he was affected by this "disease," as Peters called it. He finally said he "simply idolized" the woman. It made him feel like hugging her and making love to her. He had kissed Mrs. Sells before the parting at Oakland mole.

Harry's Trips to Logan.

He did not think Mrs. Sells was laboring under the same delusion that he was when she was in Australia. He felt then that she was not so badly infatuated as he. He had seen Mrs. Sells several times at her parents' home in Logan, O., and had stayed over night there when Mrs. Sells was there. A door opened from the room in which she slept into the room in which Mrs. Sells lived. This had occurred both before and after the Australian trip. Sleeping arrangements were always the same. He would go to Logan Saturday night and not return until Monday.

Was in Love With Florence, Too.

Lyons declined to give the name of the Pittsburgh girl known as "Sue" who he said was engaged at the time he was infatuated with Mrs. Sells, and the court would not compel him to do so. The engagement was broken in August, 1903.

Yes, Harry was in love with Florence, too, he said, even when he was 19 years old, but he was not "crazy" after her as he was after Mrs. Sells.

Covered By Snow.

Boston, Dec. 6.—Six inches of snow covers the ground in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

THE MARKETS.

Flour and Grain.

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.—Flour—Spring patent, \$2.96; 100 lb. fancy, \$4.40; 100 lb. extra, \$4.30; winter, \$4.25; \$4.35; family, \$2.75; 100 lb. track, \$2.90; 100 lb. extra, \$2.80; 100 lb. 2nd, \$2.70; 100 lb. 3rd, \$2.60; 100 lb. 4th, \$2.50; 100 lb. 5th, \$2.40; 100 lb. 6th, \$2.30; 100 lb. 7th, \$2.20; 100 lb. 8th, \$2.10; 100 lb. 9th, \$2.00; 100 lb. 10th, \$1.90; 100 lb. 11th, \$1.80; 100 lb. 12th, \$1.70; 100 lb. 13th, \$1.60; 100 lb. 14th, \$1.50; 100 lb. 15th, \$1.40; 100 lb. 16th, \$1.30; 100 lb. 17th, \$1.20; 100 lb. 18th, \$1.10; 100 lb. 19th, \$1.00; 100 lb. 20th, \$0.90; 100 lb. 21st, \$0.80; 100 lb. 22nd, \$0.70; 100 lb. 23rd, \$0.60; 100 lb. 24th, \$0.50; 100 lb. 25th, \$0.40; 100 lb. 26th, \$0.30; 100 lb. 27th, \$0.20; 100 lb. 28th, \$0.10; 100 lb. 29th, \$0.05; 100 lb. 30th, \$0.00.

Live Stock.

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.—Hogs—Select shipped, \$4.90; select, \$4.75; fair to good, \$4.50; 4-5; fat to good, \$4.35; 4-5; fat to good, \$4.20; 4-5; fat to good, \$4.05; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.90; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.75; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.60; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.45; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.30; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.15; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.00; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.85; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.70; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.55; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.40; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.25; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.10; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.95; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.80; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.65; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.50; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.35; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.20; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.05; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.90; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.75; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.60; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.45; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.30; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.15; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.00.

Live Cattle.

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$4.50; 4-5; fat to good, \$4.35; 4-5; fat to good, \$4.20; 4-5; fat to good, \$4.05; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.90; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.75; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.60; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.45; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.30; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.15; 4-5; fat to good, \$3.00; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.85; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.70; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.55; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.40; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.25; 4-5; fat to good, \$2.10; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.95; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.80; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.65; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.50; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.35; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.20; 4-5; fat to good, \$1.05; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.90; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.75; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.60; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.45; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.30; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.15; 4-5; fat to good, \$0.00.

Live Sheep.

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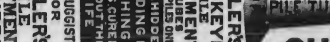
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